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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

 $1. \ \ BRANDT COMMENTS \ ON \ TOPICS \ FOR \ US \ VISIT$

IN A FINAL MEETING BEFORE HIS US VISIT, CHANCELLOR BRANDT TOLD AMBASSADOR HILLENBRAND IN BONN THAT THE KISSINGER SPEECH OBVIOUSLY RAISED THE ESSENTIAL ISSUES WHICH WOULD BE THE CENTER OF HIS CONVERSATIONS IN WASHINGTON. BRANDT SAID HE HAD TO ADMIT HE HAD DOUBTS ABOUT HOW JAPAN COULD BE BROUGHT INTO THE ALLIANCE PICTURE. BRANDT WILL ALSO WANT TO DISCUSS THE MIDDLE EAST AND FORTHCOMING BREZHNEV VISIT TO BONN WHILE IN THE US. HE HOPES THAT THE SECRETARY WILL DISCUSS THE MIDDLE EAST IN DEPTH WITH FOREIGN MINISTER SCHEEL. (CONFIDENTIAL) BONN 6067, 4/27.

2. WALDHEIM SEES "NEW CHAPTER" FOR MIDDLE EAST IN UN

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UN SYG WALDHEIM TOLD AMBASSADOR SCALI APRIL 27 THAT THE

SC DEBATE ON THE LEBANESE COMPLAINT HAD A CONSTRUCTIVE OUTCOME AND INDICATED SATISFACTION THAT THE US HAD AVOIDED THE USE OF THE VETO. WALDHEIM ADDED THAT THE EGYPTIANS FEEL THEY HAVE TO FORCE SOME ACTION IN THE MIDDLE EAST SITUATION AND SEE THE DEBATE AS THE FIRST STEP. HE FORESAW NO ARAB EFFORT TO ATTACK OR SCUTTLE RESOLUTION 242, AND HE BELIEVED THAT THE UPCOMING DEBATE

WILL OPEN A "NEW CHAPTER" FOR THE MIDDLE EAST IN THE UN. (CONFIDENTIAL) USUN 1597 4/28 (EXDIS).

3. HIGH LEVEL SOVIET VISIT TO EGYPT?

EMBASSY MOSCOISCUSSION LAST FALL. ALLIES THOUGHT THE ISSUE WAS SATISFACTORY RESOLVED BY THE DEVICE OF HAVING THE FOUR POWERS FORWARD THE QD TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL UNDER COVER OF THE AGREED LETTER, FOR CIRCULATION AS AN OFFICIAL DOCUMENT TO ALL UN MEMBERS. AS USUN WILL RE-CALL, THE SOVIETS SPECIFICALLY AGREED TO THIS PROCEDURE. ALLIES REPS HERE ALSO CONSIDERED POSSIBILITY THAT INTRO-DUCTION OF LANGUAGE OF QD INTO RESOLUTION COULD LEAD TO SOVIETS PROPOSING AMEMDMENTS OR ADDITIONS WHICH MIGHT COMPLICATE MATTERS. FURTHER, THERE IS THE PROBLEM OF ENSURING THAT THE REFERENCE TO THE QD IS CONTAINED IN THE RESOLUTIONS FOR BOTH THE FRG AND GDS. FRANKLY, WE FIND IT DIFFICULT TO BELIEVE THE SOVIETS (OR GDR) WOULD ACCEPT THIS SORT OF LANGUAGE IN THE GDR RESOLUTION. TO HAVE IT APPEAR ONLY IN THE FRG DOCUMENT WOULD NOT SERVE OUR PURPOSE. MOREOVER, FRG REPS HAVE INDICATED EXTREME SENSITIVITY TO HAVING LANGUAGE IN RESOLUTION WHICH CON-VERYS ANY SEMBLANCE OF OUADRIPARTITTE OCCUPATION OR SPECIAL STATUS VIS A VIS FRG RE UN ENTRY. WE ALSO WONDER WHETHER AN EFFORT TO OBTAIN EXPRESS OD LANGUAGE IN THE RESOLU-TIONS MIGHT NOT WEAKEN OUR POSITION SUBSEQUENTLY IF THAT EFFORT WERE UNSUCCESSFUL.

4. WE TAKE IT FROM USUN COMMENTS THAT IT DOES NOT CONSIDER QUADRIPARTITE LETTER, EVEN IF CIRULATED AS OFFICIAL UN DOCUMENT, AN ADEQUATE BASIS FOR FUTURE SUPPORT OF BERLIN AND GERMAN INTERESTS IN ABSENCE OF SPECIFIC ADDITIONAL REFERENCE TO QD IN RESOLUTION. SINCE WE ANTICIPATE THAT THE GERMANS IN PARTICULAR AND POSSIBLY THE BRITISH AND FRENCH AS WELL WILL BE SOME-CONFIDENTIAL

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WHAT UNSETTLED BY THE EMPHASIS UNUS PLACES ON THIS POINT, IT WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL IF WE WERE IN A POSITION TO EXPOUND A BIT MORE FULLY THAN THE COMMENTS CONTAINED PARA 2 REFTEL. DOES USUN HAVE ANY SUPPLEMENTAL COMMENTS WHICH COULD BE ADDED WHICH MIGHT BE HELPFUL IN ELABORAT-

ING POINT TO THE GERMANS, BRITISH AND FRENCH;?

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